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1. IN EDITORIAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL DENOUNCES THE DISUNITY OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. EDITORIAL ASKS: "WILL RHODESIAN BLACK NATIONALISTS EVER LEARN THAT THEIR SALVATION LIES IN THEIR OWN UNITY? AFTER A TERSE SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS OF THE PAST TWO MONTHS DERIDING THE RHETORIC AND POLEMICS OF SMITH, THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS, ZAPU AND ZANU, THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES: "IF THIS WHOLE THING DID NOT INVOLVE A WAR IN WHICH HUNDREDS OF BLACKS IN RHODESIA, ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND BOTSWANA HAD DIED, ONE WOULD HAVE TREATED THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS ONLY A BAD AND POOR JOKE."

THE EDITORIAL CLAIMS BOTSWANA HAS BEEN "LOSING ITS CITIZENS AS WE WRITE," AND "ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE ARE WAITING FOR AN INVASION OF THEIR COUNTRIES AT ANY TIME NOW. THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE CITIZENS OF BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE AND ZAMBIA ARE DYING  
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ARE FAR FROM WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE QUARRELLING, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO WIN BACK THEIR COUNTRY QUICKLY."

2. EDITORIAL ADMONISHES, "WE HAVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE ONLY REMAINING WEAPON LEFT TO DEFEAT SMITH, OPENLY BEING AT VARIANCE WITH EACH OTHER ON A MATTER ON WHICH THEY MUST BE IN

COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH EACH OTHER. IF ZAPU AND ZANU WINGS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT CAN ONLY ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TO DIFFER OPENLY OVER THE ALL-PARTY CONFERENCE ISSUE, HOW ARE THEY EXPECTED TO FIGHT TOGETHER ON THE BATTLEFIELD?" FURTHER, "HOW ARE THEY EXPECTED TO COME AND HOLD THE COUNTRY TOGETHER AFTER INDEPENDENCE IF THEY CANNOT LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRY? FREEDOM IN RHODESIA WILL ONLY COME WHEN SMITH IS CONVINCED HE CANNOT ACHIEVE A MILITARY VICTORY OVER THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. AND THAT VICTORY FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL ONLY COME WHEN THEY ARE UNITED AND FIGHT AS PATRIOTS READY TO FREE THEIR MOTHERLAND."

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, "IT IS TIME THEY (ZANU-ZAPU) REALIZED THAT HAD THEY BEEN UNITED, THEY WOULD BY NOW BE CELEBRATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE." CLINGERMAN

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